

# PROPERTY VALUES IN THE DISTRICT GAIN \$30,000,000

Assessor W. P. Richards Submits Triennial Report to the Commissioners.

## ENLARGEMENT DUE TO GROWING SUBURBS

Total Estimated Amount of Real Estate in Washington Is Worth \$285,153,771.

Property values in the District have increased approximately \$30,000,000 in value in the last three years according to the annual report of W. P. Richards, Assessor of the District, submitted to the Commissioners today.

"The triennial assessment of 1912-14, which is nearing completion," says the report, "will be returned by January 1, and it is estimated will show an increase over the triennial assessment of 1909-11 of about \$30,000,000, to which is added the annual improvements of 1910, 1911, and 1912.

"This large increase is due to enhancing values in the rapidly growing suburbs and in the business sections of the city."

### Owners Can Appeal.

Property owners can appeal from the return of the board of assistant assessors from the first Monday in January to the first Monday in June, 1911. To insure full consideration, appeals should be filed before the middle of April 1911. In this connection, the Assessor recommends an amendment to the law providing that all appeals be made before the first Monday in April.

"This would cause the taxpayers no inconvenience," says the report, "and would allow the board about three months in which to thoroughly and systematically consider all appeals, and, where necessary, to reinspect the property." With respect to inequalities in assessments the report is as follows:

"There has not been any scheme of assessments yet devised that will entirely obviate inequalities; therefore, inequalities will exist to some extent in this as well as all other assessments, no matter by whom made. However, the efforts of the board of assessors to equalize land values especially should eliminate many complaints which arise from inequalities in the assessment principally.

### "Inequalities" Explained.

"In every assessment where the law requires the assessors to equalize the assessments, many seeming inequalities exist, but upon investigation many of these inequalities disappear or are not well founded. These arise in the adjustment of differences in known values; others arise in the rapid change of values in some sections, the assessments being made for a term of three years, and may be just, at the time the assessment is made, but by the end of the term, by reason of change in value, it would seem to be unequal and unfair.

"In subdivisions just put upon the market at a given or selling price per foot per lot, while the owners would be willing to sell the entire remaining subdivision at a much lower rate per foot, in such cases there would seem to be an undervaluation when compared with the selling value of single lots.

"The matter of assessing buildings or improvements presents a more difficult problem, principally for want of information of the character of construction. Many houses appear to be alike from an exterior view and are often assessed on the same basis, but occasionally we find that there is a considerable difference in interior finish, heating and general conditions, but no change in the assessment can be made until the next general assessment.

### Inspectors Needed.

"In view of the existing conditions, I urgently recommend that at least two competent persons be authorized to act as inspectors or surveyors of all assessable buildings reporting to the Board

of Assessors the general condition, size, height, width, depth heating system, if any; number of rooms and stories, cellar, etc. If inspectors are provided to furnish this desired information, the board is firmly of the opinion that the effect would be a more equitable assessment, fewer complaints, and would result in probably an increased assessment."

With regard to the wheel tax on automobiles, which provides for an annual tax on motor vehicles owned and operated in the District, in the sum of \$3 on all vehicles having seats for two persons and an additional tax of \$2 for each additional seat, only eighteen bills have been collected, according to the report. This tax was first authorized by the District appropriation bill, approved March 3, 1909.

### Law Amended.

On account of the difficulty of enforcing the law an amendment to the license act of 1902 was included in the District appropriation act approved May, 1910. Under the requirements of this act, which provided a penalty for nonpayment, it is intended to send out new bills for one year from May 18, 1910, to May 18, 1911, and if the bills are not paid, the officer will attempt to enforce the collection.

The total assessed valuation for the fiscal year ended June 30, was \$285,153,771. The assessed valuation of the land was \$151,711,900, and of the improvements \$133,441,871. The real estate tax for the year was \$1,277,306.57 and the personal tax, \$1,007,022.41.

The amount of taxes, both real and personal, assessed against public service corporations, including the steam railroads, street railroads, gas companies, Potomac Electric Power Company, telephone companies, and steamboat companies, aggregated \$690,734.74, which amounts to about 11 per cent of the District's revenues.

## DUCK INTERRUPTS CHURCH MEETING

Waddles Into Methodist Episcopal Edifice at Brookland.

"Chasing the duck" was in order last evening at Brookland Methodist Episcopal Church. P. D. Boss, second vice president of the Epworth League, was discussing missionary study classes.

"It is time," he said, "we had at least one missionary study class in our league." "Quack, quack," came from a voice at the open door. Everybody turned to see what stranger had intruded on the meeting, but seeing nothing gave their attention again to the speaker.

"The best way to begin," continued Mr. Boss, "would be to have some volunteers for charter membership." "Quack, quack, quack," again came from the direction of the door.

This last call almost broke up the meeting. William A. Springer, one of the members, was detailed to investigate the noise, while the speaker rested. Mr. Springer found a duck just outside the door, and chased it around the church, until it disappeared. The service then was resumed.

## JOHN D. WILL GIVE UNIVERSITY \$250,000

Rockefeller Gift to Western Reserve Medical Department Conditional on Raising \$750,000.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 17.—Conditional upon raising \$750,000 more, John D. Rockefeller has offered to give \$250,000 toward a permanent endowment to the medical department of the Western Reserve University. Another \$250,000 has been pledged by H. M. Hanna, and fourteen months are allowed in which to raise the additional \$500,000.

It is understood this is the first large sum ever offered by Mr. Rockefeller as a straight endowment of any medical institution.

## WASHINGTON PASTOR IS REASSIGNED HERE

YORK, Pa., Oct. 17.—The Rev. C. E. Pultz was reassigned to the Memorial Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., by Bishop William M. Weekly at the closing session of the Pennsylvania conference at Dallastown.

## HIGH SCHOOL CADET OFFICERS NAMED

Roster of Regiment Complete and Company Formation Work Begun.

## "NON-COMS" CHOSEN ON PERCENTAGE BASIS

Win on Scholarship Standing and Their Knowledge of Military Tactics.

With the announcement today of the non-commissioned officers of the high school cadets the roster of the regiment is complete and the work of the year in company formation was begun.

Until today the cadets have been drilling in squads. This afternoon they were assigned to companies for the year and were drilled for the first time in company formation. The non-commissioned officers were named more than a week ago, winning their places by examination. The non-commissioned officers were appointed on a percentage found by averaging their scholarship standing with their knowledge of military tactics.

The non-commissioned appointments made today through the office of Assistant Superintendent P. M. Hughes follow:

Eastern High School Co. F.  
First sergeant, J. H. Defendorf.  
Second sergeant, W. H. Frost.  
Third sergeant, Sterling Taylor.  
Fourth sergeant, H. B. Lowe.  
Fifth sergeant, Clarence Kerby.  
Corporals—A. F. Granholm, Peyton Torbert, R. T. Whitman, Doriana Cramer, H. P. Ramsey, and E. Clarence Rice.

Western High School Co. H.

First sergeant, Frederick Knight.  
Second sergeant, Ernest Meany.  
Third sergeant, John Aspinwall.  
Fourth sergeant, Leopold Krentzlin.  
Fifth sergeant, Charles Kerby.  
Corporals, James Courts, Herbert Kimball, Burnette Olmstead, Kerechale Smith, Colin Campbell, Warner Harwood, Julian Dowell, and Fred Fimper.

Business High School Cos. E and G.

First sergeants, W. L. Lyons and W. E. Disney.  
Second sergeants, L. W. Cooper and R. E. Gleissner.  
Third sergeants, F. H. Vanderwerker and J. F. Hodges.  
Fourth sergeants, F. Helmer and C. J. Hines.  
Fifth sergeants, W. H. Tonkin and W. B. Hutcheson.

Corporals, A. Soack, J. Bohleyer, E. R. Collier, N. S. Smith, R. Yerkes, C. Noetzel, C. Bingham, R. Mills, E. L. McAller, H. Gauss, J. W. Kirkley, and G. Street.

Central High School Cos. A, B, and I.

First sergeants, William Groom, Harry Gordon, and Morris Selinger.  
Second sergeants, Edward Bliss, Maurice Martin, and Lawrence Heller.  
Third sergeants, Roy Sexton, Roger Hollingsworth, and Percy Hughes.  
Fourth sergeants, Campbell Pluggie, Edgar Parkman, and Homer Wadson.  
Fifth sergeants, Kirk Metzgerott, Philip Potts, and Robert Ransom.

Corporals, Bertram Diensell, Percy Stein, A. P. Chamberlin, Albert Cover, Humphrey, Sydenham, Alva Hennage, Robert Townsend, Raymond McMillan, Francis Martin, Alfred Bailey, James Smart, Charles Brooke, John Jayne, Donald Stroh, and Erwin Harsch.

McKinley Manual Training Cos. C, D, K, L.

First sergeants, R. H. Coughlin, L. E. Will, C. I. Racoosin, and W. L. Saunders.  
Second sergeants, M. Whitney, C. D. Loudenslager, J. C. Albright, and M. V. Mulligan.  
Third sergeants, N. C. Sullivan, E. D. Haines, E. M. Baker, and A. D. Lewis.

Fourth sergeants, L. W. Clapper, R. W. Smith, J. Hardie, and N. P. Locke.  
Fifth sergeants, C. D. Gibbon, T. A. Miller, S. C. Cousins, and H. C. Bock.  
Corporals—M. W. Sandmyer, W. T. Mead, A. Painter, M. E. Miller, J. S. Furber, A. R. Paul, A. J. Leake, O. W. Holmes, J. E. Shebold, H. C. Gilbert, R. E. Doleman, O. I. Gibbs, G. M. Huddleson, W. L. Moore, D. B. La-Monge, A. E. Canfield, P. B. Hough, K. Kelley, F. S. Ratcliffe, E. Lewis, W. A. Nettleson, R. W. Wilson, H. E. Galliner and L. P. Kirchner.

## BREWER REBUILDS OLD BANBURY MILL

Nursery Rhyme and Grandchildren Move Adolphus Busch's Heart.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 17.—This nursery rhyme has just cost Adolphus Busch, the St. Louis brewer, \$500,000:

Ride a cockhorse to Banbury Cross  
To see what Tommy can buy—  
A penny white loaf, and a penny white cake,  
And a two-penny apple pie.

The expenditure represents Busch's love for his grandchildren more than it does real money. He is exceedingly fond of his grandchildren, and when expressed a desire to see what Banbury Cross was like, Busch forthwith ordered built the famous sunken garden at Pasadena.

"I was amazed last year when Busch told me he wanted Banbury Cross reproduced on his estate," said Ernest H. Lockwood, Busch's agent in Southern California. "I guess I must have shown amazement, for he explained that the grandchildren loved the nursery rhyme and wanted to see the place. As a result, there was an exact reproduction of the old mill at Banbury Cross, water falls, water wheel, stone burrs grinding and all."

## STRING PEARL CASE IS UNDER APPEAL

Attorney General Wickersham Asks Writ of Supreme Court in Guggenheim Gem Suit.

Attorney General Wickersham today filed in the Supreme Court of the United States a petition for a writ of certiorari to the circuit court of appeals of New York.

The case is known as the Guggenheim string pearl case, and is an appeal from the decree of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals which sustained the board of general appraisers of New York, in holding that unstrung pearls are not jewelry, and should be assessed at 10 per cent ad valorem, instead of 60 per cent, as charged by the collector of the port of New York.

The pearls were purchased by M. Guggenheim from Tiffany & Co. in Paris, but paid for in this country. They were classified as jewelry by the collector of customs in New York, but the board of appraisers overruled the collector. On appeal by Tiffany & Co. to the United States Circuit Court, the Government lost its case.

## SPAIN GIVES REFUGE TO PORTUGAL EXILES

MADRID, Oct. 17.—Fully 5,000 members of the religious orders which have been expelled from Portugal have taken refuge in Spain, where they are now being distributed among the convents and monasteries of this country. Reports of the attacks upon the monasteries in Portugal have greatly alarmed the inmates of these places, and it is said a large number have laid in supplies of ammunition, and are strengthening the doors and windows of the buildings with heavy iron bars to prevent other persons from gaining entrance.

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Whether 'tis the testing of the eyes, the making and fitting of glasses, or the various repairs incidental to the optical business, Dr. Samuel's work guarantees satisfaction and Palais Royal prices save you dollar and cents. Warranted glasses for as little as 98c. Bifocal for only \$1.98. Balcony Parlor, First Floor.

## To Be 81c for Choice

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Business is like a barometer—with prices rising or falling according to the weather. Prices drop with these warm days—for blankets and "sich."

The Blankets reduced to 81c pair look and feel like the famous California Wool Blankets that retail at \$5.00. The explanation—the clever Yankee has incorporated cotton that's wool to the eye and fingers. The Comforts reduced to 81c are filled with hygienically treated cotton, are full size, and covered with silkline in art designs and colors. The Spreads are not real Marseilles, but you would judge they were by appearance and weight. Many of these lots cannot be duplicated later at twice 81c.

Fine White Blankets, \$1.89  
Usually \$2.50  
Fine All-wool Blankets, \$4.98  
Usually \$6.50  
Large-size Silkline Comforts, \$2.50  
Usually \$3.50  
California Wool Blankets, \$4.25  
Usually \$6.00 pair  
White and Gray Blankets, \$1.50  
Usually \$2 pair  
Fine White Blankets, \$1.75  
Usually \$2.25 pair  
Down Comforts, guaranteed not to shed. Usually \$5.00  
Usually \$6.50  
French Satine Comforts, \$2.49  
Usually \$3.00  
Silk Down Comforts, \$10.00  
Usually \$12.50

Fringed Bedspreads, \$3.29  
Usually \$4.00  
California Wool Blankets, \$7.50  
Usually \$10.00  
Fringed Marseilles Bedspreads, 10-4. Usually \$2.00  
Silver Wool Gray Blankets, \$3.29  
Usually \$4.50  
California Blankets; the genuine. Usually \$5 pair  
English Fleece Blankets, 98c  
Usually \$1.50 pair  
Fine White Blankets, \$1.89  
Usually \$2.50  
Heavy English Fleece Blankets, \$1.69  
Usually \$2 pair  
Heavy White Blankets, \$1.39  
Usually \$1.75

Large-size Crochet Bedspreads; Marseilles patterns. Usually \$1.39  
Usually \$1.75  
Scalloped Bedspreads; usually \$4.00  
Fringed Bedspreads; extra size. Usually \$2.00  
Crochet Bedspreads; Marseilles patterns. Usually \$1.49  
Usually \$2.00  
Marseilles Bedspreads; extra size. Usually \$3.50  
Crochet Bedspreads; Marseilles patterns. Usually 98c  
Usually \$1.25  
Marseilles Bedspreads. Usually \$1.49  
Usually \$2.00  
Crochet Bedspreads. Usually \$1.69

## New Cut Glass, 97c, \$1.97 and \$2.97

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Pieces worth \$1.50 to \$4, at 97c to \$2.97, in "Tiffany Room," first floor, northeast corner. Choice of Salad Bowl, Oval Nut Bowls, Comports, 8-in. Nappies, Fern Dish with silver lining, Vases, Sugars and Creams, Celery Trays, Oil Jugs, Mayonaise Sets, Spoon Holders, Syrup Pitcher, Mustard Jars, Spoon Trays, Knife Rests.

This \$7.50 Set, \$4.95

This set of six pieces—warranted perfect specimens of best cut glass—with tray, for only \$4.95. Note that, for tomorrow only, 10 per cent discount will be allowed on all cut glass pieces here at various prices from \$8.00 to \$45.00. These are on Basement Floor.

## 23c, 47c, 97c, \$1.97

The Values are 50c to \$5.00

Busts, Vases, Puff Boxes, Hair Receivers, Tea Pots, Cracker Jars, Match Safes, Salad Bowls, Fern Dishes, Chop Dishes, Rose Jars, Milk Jar and Plate, Steins, Ice Bowls, Chocolate Pots, Umbrella Stands, Jardinieres, Trays for Spoons, Pins, &c.; Water Pitchers, Cream Pitchers, Punch Bowls, &c.

## Distribution from "Tiffany Room" on First Floor

A Not-to-be Repeated Opportunity This Year

These Art Pieces are made in Japan, though they are typical of the best patterns of England, France, Germany, and Austria. Wonderful reproductions at half the European prices. Here just now at 23c, 47c, 97c, and \$1.97, because the agent, before returning to Japan, gave us his no-longer-needed samples. It's a fleeting opportunity to secure works of art, literally at prices of the trashy and commonplace.

## Standard Makes of Silverware

At the Least Prices of the Year

This once-a-year distribution of the "old year patterns" of famous makers, is now well known and looked forward to by many who wisely anticipate Christmas. The rewards of watching for this distribution are manifold. Many a home is brightened with "Silver" that would be otherwise minus.

\$4.98

Roger's "Poppy," 6 for 44c  
The Standard Price Is \$1.75 Dozen.

Matching the various Teaspoons at proportionately little prices are Table and Dessert Spoons, Dinner Knives and Forks, Dessert Forks, Coffee Spoons, Orange Spoons, Oyster Forks, Butter Spreaders, Cream, Gravy and Soup Ladles, etc.

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Country Style Sausage . . . . . lb. 16c  
Holly Brand Sausage . . . . . lb. 20c  
Boston Roast—all lean . . . . . lb. 17½c  
Bottom Round—all lean . . . . . lb. 12½c  
Calves Liver . . . . . lb. 30c  
Old Dutch Roll, Fresh . . . . . lb. 12½c  
Old Dutch Roll, Corned . . . . . lb. 12½c  
Scrapple, Homemade

Meadowbrook brand . . . . . lb. 10c  
Tripe, Honeycomb, Fre h . . . . . lb. 10c  
Corned Breasts—Piece 1 to 2 lbs. each . . . . . lb. 12c  
Pigs' Feet; cooked and spiced . . . . . lb. 10c  
Flank Steaks, choice and tender, no waste . . . . . lb. 12½c  
Bean Pork, for baking and seasoning . . . . . lb. 12c

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